companies have covered around 94 lakh lives with a premium income of approximately Rs. 1130 crore during 2003-04.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Universal Health Insurance Scheme has been redesigned during the current year to make it more affordable to BPL families. The subsidy under the scheme has been increased to Rs. 200/- for an individual, Rs. 300/-and Rs. 400/- for a family of five and seven members respectively as against a flat amount of Rs. 100/- earlier.

Funds for infrastructure development

1973. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds required for infrastructure development during the next three years;

(b) what are the expected investments in infrastructure development from domestic corporate sector and FDI; and

(c) the steps initiated by Government and incentives proposed to attract investments in infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Investment requirements for infrastructure projected in the Tenth Plan (2002-07) are given below:

Investment requirements

(Rs. '000 crore at 2001-02 prices)

Sectors	Investment required
1. Electricity, gas & water supply	412.5
2. Rail & Other Transport	319.5
3. Communications	296.4

SOURCE: Vol. 1, Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07)

Central Statistical Organisation has estimated the Gross Capital Formation at current prices in infrastructure during 2002-03, the first year

of the 10th plan, at Rs. 90,890 crore. The balance requirements in infrastructure for the remaining period of the tenth plan *i.e.* 2003-2007 has to come from all sectors including domestic corporate sector and FDI.

(c) The Government has announced various incentives for development of infrastructure. The Budget 2004-05 has announced further measures to improve infrastructure. Some of these include:

(a) Inter-Institutional Group (IIG) formed by IDBI, IDFC, ICICI Bank, SBI, LIC, Bank of Baroda and Punjab National bank to ensure speedy conclusion of loan agreements and implementation of infrastructure projects.

(b) All drinking water schemes to be brought under the umbrella of the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission; allocation of Rs. 2610 crore for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) in the current year.

(c) Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project: Environmental Impact Assessment study which has been completed and the techno-economic feasibility report expected shortly.

(d) Construction of an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam in Kochi port on BOT basis.

(e) Rural Housing: Allocation for Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) raised by Rs. 537 crore to Rs. 2247 crore.

Government intends to support Public Private partnerships in infrastructure and to this end Rs. 1500 crore have been provided for viability Gap Funding of such projects.

Agenda to tone up Public Sector Banks

1974. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set out any agenda to tone up Public Sector Banks operations in order to enhance their capabilities and competitiveness in the global financial market;

(b) whether the high incidence of non performing assets is posing a threat to the profitability of banking industry and